(ii) establishment of Brackish water Fish Farmers Development Agencies in the districts of Balasore, Ganjam and Puri to provide a package of technical, financial and extension support to the prawn farmers;

(iii) setting up of a prawn seed hatchery at Chandrabagha in Puri district;

(iv) macro and micro-level survey of potential brakishwater areas for identifying suitable areas for prawn farming under the proposed World Bank assisted shrimp culture project;

(v) strengthening of the technical wing in the Directorate of Fisheries for upgradatioon of technical man-power;

(vi) development of man-power resources through training of fisheries officials abroad in prawn farming; etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A Brackishwater Shrimp and Fish Culture Project was negotiated for assistance with the World Bank during 25-27, November, 1991. The project agreement will be signed after the Bank's final approval is received. The Shrimp Culture Component of the Project envisages development of about 870 ha. brackishwater land in Orissa. Out of the total estimated investment of Rs. 260.4 crore for the Shrimp culture sub-project in Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal, the outlay for Orissa will be about Rs. 55.67 crore. The project in Orissa will cover 3 sites in the two coastal districts of Balasore and Cuttack for shrimp farming.

The project with a duration of 7 years is scheduled to be implemented from 1992-93 onwards.

Development of pisciculture in Arunachal Pradesh

1474. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Apatani Plateau" of Arunachal Pradesh has been selected for the development of pisciculture;

(b) whether Government have taken up any scheme for development of pisciculture in the State; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Pisciculture in about 500 hectares of paddy fields is proposed to be developed in 'Apatani Plateau' in Arunachal Pradesh during the current year by the State Government at a cost of Rupees 0.20 lakh.

(b) and (c) A Fish Farmers Development Agency (FFDA) has been set up in the State for the development of pisciculture. The agency selects suitable water area; arranges lease on long term basis to identified beneficiaries; provides incentives for renovation of tanks and ponds and input for first year for fish culture, besides, training of fish farmers and giving them extension support. So far, the agency has brought 22 hectares water area under pisciculture and trained 170 fish farmers in improved methods of fish farming. The average productivity is reported to be 1200 kg/ha/annum from Ponds and tanks in the State under FFDA Programme.

Production under operation flood

1475. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bloated columns of increase in production